



Notice of Scoping Meeting for Francis Marion Memorial



**To be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Northeast Library, NOE Meeting Room
330 7th St NE
Washington, DC 20002
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Francis Marion Memorial Project proposes to establish a permanent memorial honoring Brigadier General Francis Marion and his service. The Francis Marion Memorial Project, in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), has identified Marion Park and other federal parcels along South Carolina Avenue SE for consideration as a memorial site. Marion Park is bound by 4th, 6th and E Streets SE. The site is administered by National Capital Parks - East, an administrative unit of the National Park Service. Other parcels along South Carolina Avenue SE are owned by the U.S. Government and under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. As part of this proposal, the Francis Marion Memorial Project would design and construct a memorial within the site selected. The NPS would be responsible for its long-term maintenance.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS and the Francis Marion Memorial Project are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify alternatives and assess the potential impacts of the proposal. Concurrent to the NEPA process, the NPS and the Francis Marion Memorial Project will conduct a consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

As part of this planning effort, a public scoping meeting will be held by the NPS and the Francis Marion Memorial Project on Tuesday, October 28 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Northeast Library at 330 7th St NE in Washington, DC. During this open house, the project team will be available to discuss alternatives and site characteristics.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed establishment of a memorial within Marion Park or another federal parcel along South Carolina Avenue SE, and to identify potential issues or concerns for consideration in the EA. During the meeting, comments may be submitted via written comment forms. In addition, you may submit comments electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nace> (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments), by fax, or mail them directly. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed project through November 13, 2014.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nace>

Fax comments to:
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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Glenn DeMarr at 202.619.7027 or via email at glenn_demarr@nps.gov.

The NPS, in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), is evaluating an updated NEPA and Section 106 process for this memorial's site and design. The purpose of this revised process is to better align and support key decision points associated with each agency's NEPA and Section 106 responsibilities, and to ensure that the review is commensurate with the complexity of the project. The NPS and NCPC are proposing a scoping meeting for memorial sites at this time and will be scoping for the design of the memorial at a later date. Following both scoping periods, an EA will be created to document potential environmental impacts. This is a deviation from NCPC's existing Environmental and Historic Preservation Procedures, which requires separate NEPA and Section 106 processes for site selection and the design of the memorial. If you have questions on the proposed updated process and NCPC's guidelines, please contact Cheryl Kelly of NCPC at 202-482-7291 or cheryl.kelly@ncpc.gov.